

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-150-010 | Need wasn't discussed other than to just move power where it is needed.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture
 ☒ Residential
 ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial
 ☐ Industrial
 ☒ Other: Family owned nature area

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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I-150-001

Sect. 31
 Drainage tile - much of the land north of highway 60 drains north to site of proposed line with main tile lines in possible pble route. Concerned about damage due to compaction / construction. Replacement home building site located (old site) in trees 1/2 mile north of Bombay.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Agricultural / ^{Cultural} Biological with oak trees and a combination of natural beauty a you come out of 150 year old Holden Church and down its side walk looking to the south.

I-150-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments will be solicited after its publication.

Submitted 06/29/09

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? WANAMINGO

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Existing Easements

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-150-003 | Usage and damage to agricultural property from compaction, long term interference with agricultural operations and drainage in farmland issues.
- I-150-002 | There should not be two (2) electrical easements through the same property within a half mile of each other serving either the same power group (Xcel). They should have to be combined into one line so the same landowners that gave up 55 years ago (an easement) for \$50 per pole (eg land rents would bring in yearly more income) don't have to give again for minimal dollars.

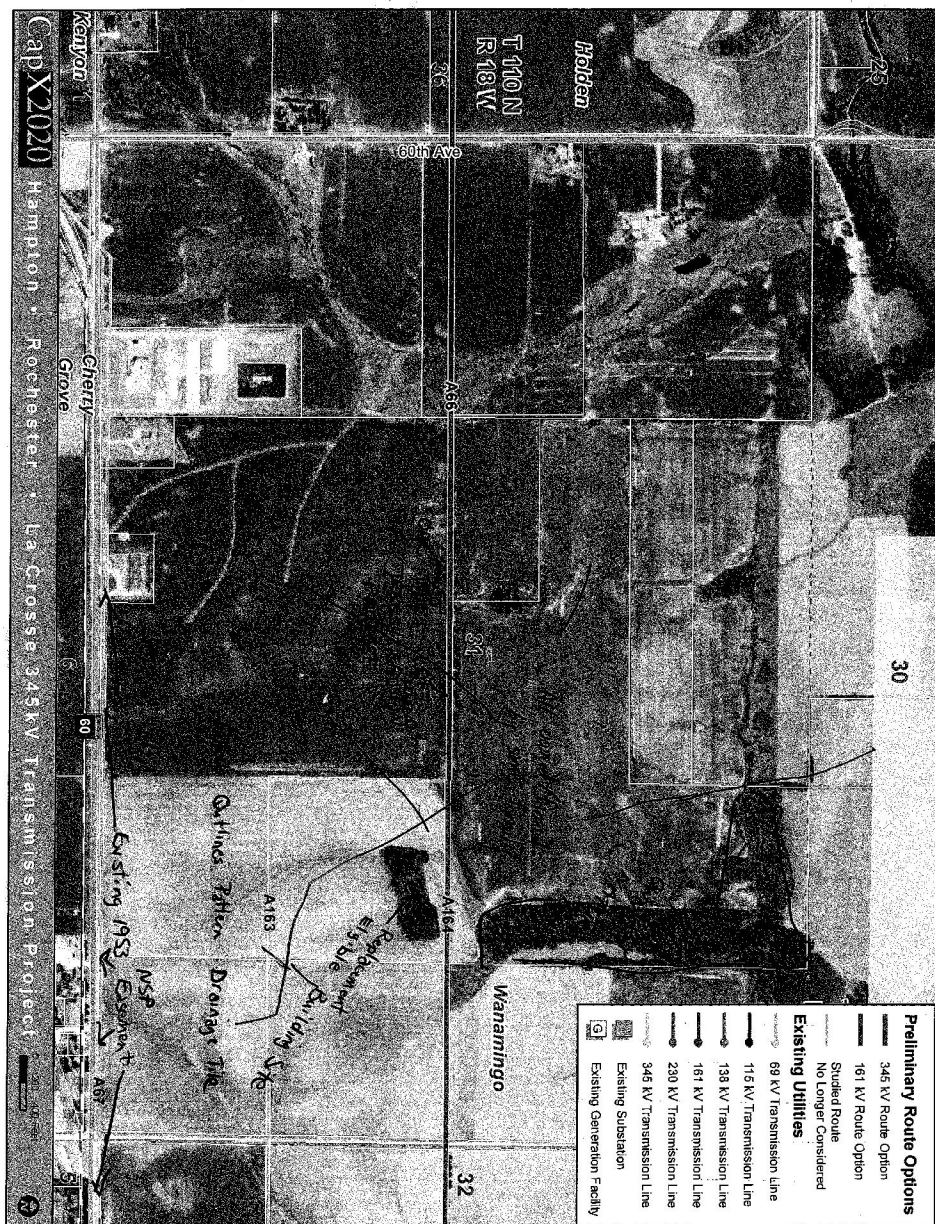
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I-150-002

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would pay for land rights based on an independent appraisal and will work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

I-150-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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To receive comments, please use only this form.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE.

Please submit comments by the following means:

- Leave this form at the open house.
 - Mail the form or a letter to the address below.
 - Submit comments electronically at www.capx2020.com/comments.html.
- Please mail this form or electronically submit your comments by January 11, 2009.

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CapX2020

To receive comments, please use only this form.

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions on the SE Twin Cities-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV Transmission Project and return your completed form today or mail by January 11, 2009. Your comments will help us plan and implement the project. Thank you.

Completion of this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list.

Which meeting did you attend?

- ☐ Newspaper ☐ Word of Mouth ☐ Internet ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Newsletter ☒ Flyer ☐ Other _____

Please check the specific area(s) of the project that are of interest to you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hampton Corner Substation Siting Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin-Mississippi River Crossing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cannon River/Cannon Falls Area | <input type="checkbox"/> La Crosse-Mississippi River Crossing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Highway 52 Corridor | <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi River Crossing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MN Highway 55/50 Corridor | <input type="checkbox"/> North La Crosse Substation Siting Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rochester Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin Corridor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate Highway 90 Corridor | <input type="checkbox"/> North Rochester 151-kV Corridor |

Other Area(s): _____

Please check the following criteria that are important to you for routing in the specific area(s)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual and Aesthetic Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proximity to Residences |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use (Agriculture, Recreation) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources (Wetlands/Floodplains) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic and Cultural Sites |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio and Television Interference | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

SE TWIN CITIES - ROCHESTER - LA CROSSE 345KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Resubmitted 06/28/09
to emphasize
A-68
A-67
A-66
Lines
Concerns.

I-150-011

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Please use the space below to provide comments on the specific area(s) and routing criteria for the project as identified on the previous page.

Specific concerns: MHP A-68 Cherry Grove Twp. Sect. 546

- ① Application of foliar fungicides on corn at heading. Corn is at max height so it must be done by air. Practice is just getting started by spraying previous returns. See website at <http://n.b5z.net/1/4/613638474/Crop-Insights-2.pdf>. How are these losses figured into a perpetual easement payment? (untreated land under the lines and where aircraft cannot get close enough due to power lines).

I-150-004

I-150-007

- ② Line construction/maintenance would not follow roads so all construction equipment would compact fields decreasing yields for years in areas equipment drove and used. Pattern tile drainage lines cause sections 5 & 6 and are important to crop growth and maybe damaged causing needed repairs. Many times these repairs have resulted in sediment with the lines which shows up in the main lines years later as a plugged line down the drainage basin from the repaired lines. Some of these drain tile are only 3' deep and 45" apart on top on other lines 4' deep 30" apart. This was done due to the high water table / springs in Sect. 6. The occupant house at 46673 10th Ave has a 25' deep well caused with limestone that has always met this farm's water needs. These are indicative of a very high water table only feet from the proposed line.

- ③ Farm machinery stored in shed 20' from proposed line (at 46673 10th Ave) is almost all equipped with electronic GPS equipment used for steering, planting, spacing bean controls with mapping documents of spraying (EPA/Mn/DNR of Ag required records), harvesting records, etc kept electronically on compact flash cards or PDA's/DVR's.

I-150-005

I-150-006

- I've heard that the 345 kv line near Goodhue/Rambert has interfered with these electronic systems. Satellite dishes, cell phone tower, & GPS satellites all need access to ~~scath~~ facing sky so will these lines interfere? Cellless phones are used in the yard and wireless internet in shed is served from the house, will there be interference? Personal safety from electric fields located this close to the line for 8 to 10 hours some days this close to the line is also ~~un~~ understood?

Please share your thoughts on the public involvement process and the public open house meetings held to date:

I feel the information / notification has been good. The meetings do allow us to voice concerns but whether they are taken into consideration is always in question but at least we have the opportunity to offer input. The Dec 18 Cannon Falls meeting had a very nice, helpful young lady from Dower working at it. She was very good at helping us.

Please provide any other comments on the SE Twin Cities-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV Transmission Project.

All roads should run along with roads or existing right of ways. Hwy 52 roads / I-90, provide the ideal break as no farming runs through these roads and the bus/livestock etc stops at these roads. If Mn/DOT could receive the easement money (positioned accordingly as c.c.w. with any other official / highway) it could help them out and be positive publicity for the CapX2020 project. Hwy 52 corridor is the shortest, most logical route for this line.

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General public scoping for the NEPA process will be initiated in February 2008 for the SE Twin Cities - Rochester - La Crosse 345-kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when these meetings are scheduled. Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments when the proposed transmission line corridors are refined to alternative routes. We appreciate your input.

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separate sheet.

I-150-004

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would provide compensation in the form of a one-time easement payment to property owners who host transmission lines. Property owners would retain ownership of the land and may continue to use the land around transmission structures. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

I-150-005

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

I-150-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-150-007

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

Continuation of Comments Jeff Davidson
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I-150-008

A-66 In Section 31 of Wauwaming Township
Instead of going through our field for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of 70th
Ave, go north at 70th Ave for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile then west along
property line. It still is our property on one side or both
for the next mile but it makes farming much easier for planting/
conservation purposes and it doesn't change the cost or number
of poles for the line.

I-150-009

A-67 If you choose the Way 56/60 route this is the much
preferred route. Xcel (MSP) already have poles/easement from the ASD's
which are in the field along Way 60. We feel this could be a win/win
situation as we were told (at Cannon Falls Mtg. Spring 08) that the existing
line can be added to these ^{new} poles so we would have fewer poles to farm
around in the one mile that this line presently and in the future would
affect us. This route permits road access for construction/maintenance,
minimizes drainage tile damage/interference and allows the continued
farming including aerial applications of pesticides to corn as the
poles use the road/ditches as a portion of the R-O-W. Mn-Dot
would also receive a portion of the R-O-W fees.

I-150-008

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I-150-010

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the

Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-150-011

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